

The UNESCO-Al Fozan International

Prize for the Promotion of Young Scientists in STEM



How to apply to the UNESCO-Al Fozan International Prize for the Promotion of Young Scientists in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)?

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) has been transforming the world we live in. It has been impacting our quality of life in multiple forms. Science and related technologies are at the heart of this science-led process of change and are increasingly recognized as fundamental driver of countries' socio-economic development strategies.

The UNESCO-Al Fozan International Prize for the Promotion of Young Scientists in STEM honours achievements of young scientists that are conducive to capacity building, the development of scientific careers and socio-economic development at the national, regional, and global levels.

Funded by the Al Fozan Foundation, the Prize will designate five outstanding young scientists in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), working in the following regions:



Each of the five Laureates will receive an award of







Established by UNESCO's Executive Board by acclamation, the Prize directly contributes to the attainment of the 2030 Sustainable Development agenda referring to several SDGs.

Who is eligible?

Individuals who have promoted STEM advancement in education, research, or international cooperation for societal development. Candidates must be less than 40 years old at the time of applying for the Prize and must be actively involved in STEM at the time of application to the Prize.

Nominations

To be considered eligible, it is mandatory to be nominated. Self-nominations will not be considered. Qualified nominators may be:

- Member States through their National Commissions to UNESCO.
- Non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO and active in relevant fields covered by the Prize.
- UNESCO Chair holders.

- UNESCO Category 2 Centres.
- International Scientific Unions.
- Heads of Universities.

Each nominator may submit up to three nominations for each edition of the Prize.

Nominations can only be submitted electronically through the online dedicated platform: https://unescoalfozanprize.org/ and must be written in English or French.



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Selection Criteria

The candidates' selection criteria are the following:

- Novelty of knowledge that the candidate's work is addressing.
- The candidate's breakthroughs and achievements to the advancement of STEM (publications and patents).
- The scientific impact of the candidate's research (application of research, impact on other scientists' work).
- The recognition of the candidate (national, regional award, invited keynote speakers, press release).
- The societal impact of the candidate's work to the United Nations Sustainable Development.

Selection process









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